

GRAFT ON "FENCES"  
BY POLICE CHARGED

Names of Captain McKinney and Five Detectives Brought In by Two Witnesses Before Aldermanic Committee.

## HAYES DENIES CHARGES

Former Sheriff on Stand Denounces as Lie Story That He Was Interested in Raines Law Hotel and Fought Competition with Pull.

Ex-Sheriff Nicholas Hayes, named by George A. Sipp in his testimony on Wednesday as a partner in the Harlem Hotel, took the stand before a crowded aldermanic chamber yesterday to deny Sipp's story. Hayes declared brokenly that he was humiliated to have to come before the committee to "chase the lie of a filthy beast." However, the most important feature of the session concerned the alleged grafting of the police on "fences." These are places where thieves sell their plunder.

The Tammany leader was evidently deeply affected over the position in which he found himself. He said he had left a sickbed against the advice of his physicians to give his testimony.

Following the brief denial by Hayes, Emory R. Buckner, chief counsel to the committee, put Nathan J. Michaels on the witness stand. Michaels is one of the smaller stockholders in the "Manny" Maas-Max Hochstim crowd, which bought Sipp's Battle Hotel, and is the man whom Thomas J. Dorian, formerly assistant manager of the hotel, testified was manager. Michaels, pasty faced, shifty and nervous, when he took the stand, lost no time in proclaiming himself nothing more than an employee of the corporation, and not an officer.

He asserted flatly, in spite of Buckner's warning about the possibility of perjury, that he knew nothing of the "protection" money payments made by Dorian, and went a step further and asserted that no such payments were made.

## Took What Traffic Would Bear.

Michaels shifted about from side to side of the chair when he made that statement, and then, fairly "charged up," as cocaine users say, with his own nervousness, jumped suddenly to his feet and sat down again in the flash of an eye.

With the subject of disorderly hotels and their tribute to police graft laid aside for the time being, the committee turned to a new line of graft. As the story of this new method of police blackmail was unfolded by three not impressive witnesses it appeared that the system was to get a "fence" and take from him as much as he would stand for without squealing.

The beauty of this graft, which gives it more strength than even that of the disorderly houses and the excise violators, is that the grafter is always dealing with a criminal who may be sent up for a term of years if he threatens to squeal.

Michael J. Weiss, Louis Kaplan, Morris Smirling and Mrs. Smirling were the witnesses who told of the "fence" graft. Smirling is under sentence of two years and five months for receiving stolen goods. Kaplan is in the toils of the law for a similar offense, and Weiss admitted yesterday that he, as Kaplan's partner, was the man who had purchased the goods for less than \$300 valued at \$600.

## Follow Bypaths of Graft.

However, in spite of the undeniable fact that these men did not make forceful, impressive witnesses, they named very clearly a group of detectives whom they accused of carrying on a regularly organized graft hunt among the merchants of the East Side.

Acting Captain Charles H. McKinney, in charge of detectives of the 2d Inspection District; Richard Oliver, the Waldo chauffeur who was advanced in surprisingly quick order to the rank and pay of a first grade detective, and

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BURIED IN RUINS  
OF R. R. PLATFORM

D. H. Cochran Killed Under Tons of Concrete Which Crash Down 20 Feet to Street at Nostrand Avenue.

## VICTIM AN ART CRITIC

Long Island Road Can't Account for Sudden Crumbling of Big Walls—Weather Changes and Heavy Traffic May Have Been Cause.

The upper section of the stairway leading from the street to the east-bound platform of the Long Island Railroad's Nostrand avenue station gave way suddenly late yesterday afternoon, and tons of concrete fell to the ground, burying beneath it David H. Cochran, a well known art expert and son of Dr. Cochran, once head of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

The cause of the accident was not known last night, but it was thought that the weather changes had affected the concrete, and it was in a condition to break when an unusually heavy train ran into the station.

The body of Mr. Cochran was in such a condition when it was dug out of the ruins that identification was possible only through marks in the clothing and through papers in the pockets. In one of the pockets, by the way, was a beautiful pearl necklace. Mr. Cochran had bought an hour before his Christmas present to his wife.

Mr. Cochran was a representative of the Durand-Ruel Art Galleries, at No. 5 West 36th street, Manhattan. He was an expert appraiser of pictures. His father, Dr. Cochran, who died about three years ago, was one of Brooklyn's best known citizens, and about a decade ago was head of the Polytechnic Institute.

Leaving his law office late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Cochran did some shopping for Christmas, purchasing among other things the pearl necklace, which was found in his pocket. He went to Brooklyn by subway, and took a Long Island train at the Flatbush avenue terminal, intending to go to his home at No. 113 Macon street.

When he got off at the Nostrand avenue station there were about two hundred people there waiting for trains going east. Mr. Cochran walked down the short flight of steps, through the waiting room and on to the top section of the stairs that lead to the corner of New York and Atlantic avenues. There was no one else on that part of the stairs except himself.

John Mikola, a laborer who lives at No. 1447 Dean street, was on the lower section of the stairs, and had almost reached the sidewalk. Suddenly he heard a breaking and tearing, and then turned to see the huge masses of concrete breaking in chunks and piling up on the street. A gaping hole above the landing showed where the stairs had been.

Mikola rushed over to the pile of concrete. He did not know that any one had been injured until he saw two legs sticking out from the great heap of concrete.

Workmen came with shovels and picks, and after a hard half hour's work the body was taken out.

The Long Island Railroad Company would make no statement last night about the accident. All sorts of theories were offered. One was that the weather changes lately have affected the concrete, and that the heavy trains with the new steel cars now being used had caused crystallization. The station is about twenty-five or thirty feet above the street level. The Coroner will make an investigation to-day.

Mr. Cochran was about forty years old, and lived with his wife and nine-year-old son at the home of his father-in-law, Willard C. Merritt.

## WANTED TO BLOW UP MINT

Scattered Millions Would Help Denver's Poor, Says Lunatic.

Denver, Dec. 19.—Investigation of a report that a plot to blow up the Denver mint and rob it of its contents of almost \$500,000,000 had been discovered to-night brought out the fact that a reference to blowing up the building was made three weeks ago in a letter by a person whose mind is evidently unbalanced.

The writer suggested that since there were persons in Denver out of work and many who have little money it was not just to hoard a vast amount of gold and silver in the mint. It was his idea that the \$500,000,000 in gold and bullion be scattered all over the city, so that every one might help himself.

The police turned the letter over to the federal authorities, who forwarded it to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 19.—George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, is not seriously disturbed over the plot to blow up the Denver mint.

After he had scrutinized the plans carefully Mr. Roberts advised the superintendent of the Denver mint to take special precautions.

## LOST VELASQUEZ FOUND.

London, Dec. 19.—The portrait of Canon Juan da Fonseca, painted by Velasquez in 1624, was found to-day in excellent condition in the garret of a London house. It had been vainly searched for by experts for years.

ANTIDILUVIAN WHISKEY  
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## GULLIVER BEFORE THE LILLI-PUJOANS.



Boundman's Demonstration

## WOMEN JURORS JAIL MAN

Find Prisoner Guilty of Receiving Stolen Goods.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Clay County's first woman jury, in Justice Guy R. Martin's court to-day, found a Mexican laborer, who had been caught with stolen shoes and other articles, guilty of receiving stolen goods. He was sent to jail for thirty days.

The women handled the case without indications of discomfiture or annoyance. All are prominent workers in the women's suffrage cause.

## CHIEF ENGLISH RABBI

"Jewish World" Foreshadows Appointment of New Yorker.

London, Dec. 19.—"The Jewish World" says that in all probability Dr. Bernard Drachman, of New York, will be invited to become chief rabbi of the British Empire. Early in January the Rabbinical Section committee will meet to frame recommendations for the conference, to be held subsequently.

There is reason for the belief, says the paper, that the unanimous selection of the committee will be Dr. Drachman, and it will not be surprising if the two other candidates, Dr. Herz and Dr. Hyamson, withdrew.

## KNITTED GLOVES FOR TAFT

Aged Woman's Gift Greatly Pleases the President.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft received to-day a Christmas present that greatly pleased him. It was a pair of knitted gloves, the gift of Mrs. Louise Sarr, ninety-four years old, who lives near Grand Rapids, Mich. She came to the United States from Sweden about sixty years ago.

In her letter accompanying the gloves Mrs. Sarr expressed the hope that the President would accept her "humble gift" and wished him a merry Christmas. She said she was a cripple and the mother of ten children.

## HORSE ATTACKS OWNER

Mortally Wounds Farmer, Then Turns On Rescuer.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 19.—When Meyer Freedman, a farmer and tobacco raiser, entered the stall of one of his horses to-day the animal attacked him with teeth and hoofs. Freedman was barely able to cry out for help before he became unconscious from his wounds.

Jacob Cor, a neighbor, heard Freedman's shrieks and attempted to overpower the horse. Breaking loose from its halter, the animal left Freedman and turned on Cor, who fought for his life in a corner of the barn.

Cor finally contrived to get a slip noose about the horse's neck and after he made the animal fast summoned aid to take Freedman to St. Francis's Hospital, in Hartford. Cor's skull was fractured and one of his shoulders broken.

It was said to-night in reports from the hospital that Cor, though terribly injured, would probably recover, but no hope was held out for Freedman.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.  
See per case of glass-stoppered bottles. —Adv.

TRIP TO VISIT SANTA  
ENDS IN TODDLER'S DEATH

Little Boy Is Killed by Motor Truck on Way to Shops with Mother.

## COLLISION DIRECT CAUSE

Crash with Touring Car Swerves Big Machine, Which Hits Victim—Chauffeur Escapes Crowd.

Mrs. Etta Finkel had planned a Christmas celebration for her son, Lester, two years and a half old, a celebration that would not cause him to be envious of that of any other children in the neighborhood, and yesterday afternoon, so she might have for the child just what he wanted, she started for the shops in 125th street to let him express his fancy. Lester was just getting to the age when he could appreciate the tales of old St. Nicholas, and Christmas Eve he was to hang his stocking at the mantel in the parlor and awaken early the following morning to see what Santa Claus had brought him. And there was also to be a Christmas tree.

But there will be no celebration in the Finkel flat. Instead of the decorated tree, with its bundles and bags of candy in the parlor, where there was to be so much happiness, a tiny white coffin rests, while the toys that were to hang upon the tree are packed away, to become as the little tin soldier, all covered with rust.

Lester was killed yesterday afternoon almost in front of his home, at No. 1489 Fifth avenue, while his mother and two other women were telling one another of their plans for next week's celebration. A heavy motor truck that had been run into by a touring car passed over the little boy's head and crushed out his life.

Oscar Wittendorf was driving the truck, which belonged to the Tower Manufacturing Company, of No. 326 Broadway. He came west in 120th street, and at Fifth avenue turned south. At the same time John G. Dunbar, of No. 2074 Hunnewell avenue, The Bronx, was driving his touring car north in Fifth avenue at more than ordinary speed. It is said, Wittendorf saw the touring car and endeavored to turn out of its way. He only partly succeeded, for the car struck the rear wheels of the truck and caused them to swerve. The truck ran on the sidewalk, where Mrs. Finkel, holding Lester by the hand, was in conversation with her friends.

One of the front wheels struck the little boy, knocked him down and then ran over his head. Before it was stopped two other small boys, Martin Loebel and Oscar Robinson, who lived in the same house and were with their

mothers, were struck. They were not badly hurt.

Mrs. Finkel screamed when she saw that her child had been run over, and a large crowd gathered. There were threats of violence against the driver of the motor truck, and he ran away, leaving his machine in the street. The police got his name by telephoning to his employers. Persons who saw the accident said the driver of the truck ran west through Mount Morris Park.

Dunbar remained on the scene and was not arrested, as the police were told he was not to blame. He was somewhat shaken up, and his car was badly damaged in the collision, but he refused to be attended when an ambulance came from the Harlem Hospital.

Lester Finkel was the son of Isidore Finkel, who runs a restaurant in 125th street, not far from where the boy was killed.

## BEST GIFT TO WIFE FOUND

Dr. Shaw Says It Is Pledge Favoring Votes for Women.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A signed pledge favoring the ballot for women was suggested to-day as a suitable Christmas present from a man to his wife by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman's Equal Suffrage Association, who attended the two days' conference of directors of the organization, which closed to-night.

"Such a Christmas gift would be the best kind of a present a man could give," said Dr. Shaw. "If such a present could be made in every home it would be the quickest and best way for women to secure their rights."

## RECORD FOR ROCKEFELLER

Goes Around Links at Pocantico in 43 Strokes.

John D. Rockefeller is playing the best game of golf of his life at Pocantico Hills this year. Yesterday he beat his record of 44 by one stroke. He is not alone playing better golf, but according to his friends he is growing younger in spirits and is looking the picture of health.

Mr. Rockefeller is not a strong driver, and his best plays are made in approaching and on the green. He still wears his silk waistcoat, which gives his arms full swing without any effort. Mr. Rockefeller always plays to win, and is pleased when he gets a good tussle. He said after the game yesterday that he would not try to establish another record.

## PLOT TO BLOW UP MINT

Guards Increased at Denver, Where \$500,000,000 Is Stored.

Denver, Dec. 19.—A plot to blow up the Denver mint, where approximately \$500,000,000 is stored, was frustrated by the discovery of the plans two weeks ago near the Federal Building.

It became known to-day that the plans had been turned over to federal officials and that Washington authorities had ordered the doubling of guards at the mint. It had been planned to wreck the building with nitroglycerine. Nothing tending to identify the conspirators has been found.

MONEY TRUST  
IMPOSSIBLE, SAYS  
MORGAN ON STANDMR. MORGAN'S IDEAS  
AS HE DEFINES THEM.

I don't like short selling, but I don't want to criticize it. I don't see how you can stop it. Nobody went on the board of directors of the Steel Corporation over my protest.

There is no way in the world you can make a trust on money.

If a man came to me to-day and offered me forty-five times the value of the Equitable stock he wouldn't get it.

I know men who could come into my office and get a check for a million when I know they haven't a cent. The man I couldn't trust could not get money from me if he had all the bonds in Christendom. Credit depends on the man.

There is no way one man can get a monopoly or control of money.

Assuming a man had such control, when he abuses it he loses it.

Nobody has what you call a "money trust," or anything of that kind.

I don't think I could carry any proposition through any board of directors against the wishes of the stockholders.

I like a little competition, but I like combination better.

I do not favor legislation that would prevent speculation. I approve of speculation if it is legitimate.

You cannot prevent the public buying anything they think is low and selling anything they think is high.

I want to get a little nearer to you, Mr. Counsel. I am getting deaf as I am getting old.

Master Financier Declares  
There Is No Way in the  
World That One Could  
Be Formed.

Believes in Combination

Doesn't Really Mind Competi-  
tion, but Prefers Unity of  
Action in the Manage-  
ment of His Great  
Operations.

## WON'T ADMIT "VAST POWER"

New York Banker Gives House Committee His Views on Control of Finance, Voting Trusts, Stock Selling and Kindred Topics.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—Denying the existence of a money trust, asserting modestly, "I don't feel I have the vast power you claim," and professing ignorance of the details of many financial transactions, involving millions, in which his firm played a part, J. Pierpont Morgan, "the wizard of Wall Street," spent four eventful hours on the witness stand before the Pujo "money trust" investigating committee to-day. His examination was concluded and the committee adjourned until January 6.

The shaggy browed, sharp eyed, florid faced financier, dominating and yet not domineering, was a picture of animation on the witness stand. Sometimes he lounged the table in front of him; again he swung half round in his revolving chair, glancing at his numerous counsel, apparently for approbation, and again he leaned forward within a few feet of Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the committee, who shot questions at him with relentless rapidity.

Speaks in Epigrams.

Mr. Morgan spoke often in epigrams. He had "forgotten" or "did not know" much about the details wanted by the committee, but he was unresponsive in came to generalities. His attitude throughout was that of a philosophical financier.

From a spectacular standpoint the examination of Mr. Morgan was unprecedented in the history of Congressional investigations. An immense crowd thronged the committee room and maintained absolute silence as the master financier talked of millions.

Toward the latter part of the hearing Mr. Morgan's mood became extremely cordial, and his repartee at times amusing. The crowd laughed, and occasionally Mr. Morgan joined in. He sat at the end of the long committee table, and after making a telling point the great banker would turn his back abruptly on the committee members and look into the faces of his daughter, Mrs. H. L. Satterlee, her husband, and the half dozen Morgan attorneys present.

Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee plainly showed their anxiety over the financier's ordeal, and were evidently fearful he might not stand the strain of the long inquiry. At one time he turned to his daughter and asked for a throat remedy, as continuous talking was wearing on his throat. His daughter supplied him from her handbag.

Mr. Untermyer said that if the financier was tired he would suspend to allow him to rest, but Mr. Morgan was anxious to continue.

The banker breathed a sigh of relief when Mr. Untermyer smilingly said, about 3:30 o'clock: "I think that is all, Mr. Morgan." Toward the end of the hearing the banker's voice became husky, and went off occasionally in a near-gurgling. He clenched his lips and gums constantly and was more or less dazed at all times.

## Left to His Partners.

One by one Mr. Untermyer took up the great banks, railroads, insurance companies and other corporations linked with the name of Morgan. Now and then Mr. Morgan knew a few of the details of their organization and management and the "voting trusts" which controlled them. More frequently, he talked of "one of my partners who attended to that," or "somebody in the firm."

"How much stock have you in the City Bank and the Bank of Commerce?" was one of the thousand-odd questions asked by the committee's counsel.

"Oh, I don't know—a million or so," said Mr. Morgan, in an off-hand manner.

Everybody laughed and the financier looked curiously about the room and then chuckled himself.

"Did you say who could and who could not go on the managing board of the Steel Corporation?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"Nobody went on over my protest,"

## AEROPLANE SEIZED

French Authorities Impound German Biplane.

Gray, Department of Haute-Sonne, France, Dec. 19.—A biplane piloted by a German, believed to be a military pilot, landed at Marnay to-day. It had come from Mulhausen, Alsace-Lorraine, and was immediately seized by gendarmes on instructions from the sub-prefect.

## PENN SALE IN LONDON

Autographs and Historical Documents Fetch \$475.

London, Dec. 19.—Autograph letters of William Penn, historical documents and other papers relating to transfer of land in Pennsylvania brought \$475 at a public sale here to-day.

## DIES IN MANSION FIRE

Mrs. Andrew Berrian Victim in \$50,000 Blaze.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Andrew J. Berrian is reported to have perished in a fire which destroyed the large house of the family on Breecy Hill, Byram Shore, together with its contents, including rare antiques and costly paintings.

Mrs. Berrian and her daughters and husband and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dupont occupied the place. Mr. and Mrs. Dupont were seen out walking this evening.

The fire occurred at 10 o'clock to-night. It started from an overheated furnace and the entire building was ablaze when the firemen arrived. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000.

## OLDEST "CO-ED," 74, DEAD

Mrs. Amelia Woodward Truesdale Dies in California.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Amelia Woodward Truesdale, at one time national secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died to-day at her home in Oakland. She was seventy-four years old.

She was known last summer as the oldest "co-ed," registered at the University of California.

## VERY HOT THIS SUMMER

Mercury at 122 in the Shade—in Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 19.—One hundred and twenty-two degrees in the shade is the record put up by the first heat wave experienced in Australia this summer. This was recorded at Eucla, a station on the South Australian border.

At Poma, in Queensland, the mercury stood at 110, while Newcastle, the coal city of New South Wales, has had the hottest spell for sixteen years, accompanied by dust and wind storms.

Other parts of New South Wales were affected, but in Sydney the heat was less severe, the mercury going only to 93. No deaths are reported.

## WOMEN FILL CHICAGO CELLS.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Police statistics made public show that in the first ten months of 1912, 28,028 women and girls passed behind the bars in this city. In 1911, 32,546 women and girls were arrested. A plan of the council finance committee to reduce the force of matrons brought out the figures.

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